

Maryland Historical Trust

State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic John Curtis Farm

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 22011 New Hampshire Ave.

___ not for publication

city, town Sunshine

___ vicinity of

congressional district 1st

state Maryland

county Montgomery

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
___ district	___ public	<u>X</u> occupied	___ agriculture
___ building(s)	<u>X</u> private	___ unoccupied	___ commercial
___ structure	___ both	___ work in progress	___ educational
___ site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	___ entertainment
___ object	___ in process	___ yes: restricted	___ government
	___ being considered	___ yes: unrestricted	___ industrial
	___ not applicable	<u>X</u> no	___ military
			___ other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Helen P. Denit

street & number Pretty Penny Farm, New Hampshire Ave. telephone no.:

city, town Sunshine

state and zip code Maryland

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Montgomery County Court House liber 3587

street & number folio 28

city, town Rockville

state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title MNCPPC Historic Sites Inventory

date 1976

___ federal X state X county ___ local

depository for survey records Park Historians Office

city, town Rockville

state Maryland

7 DESCRIPTION

M:23-39

CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☒ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

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CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8. Significance

Survey No.

M:23-39

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates circa 1870

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The John Curtis Farmhouse is significant as an example of vernacular architecture typical to that constructed in Montgomery County from the mid-nineteenth through the early twentieth centuries. The house is believed to have been built by John Curtis, a farmer, about 1870.¹ The farm rested on 198 acres of a tract of land referred to as "Sapling Ridge." John's house was a two story log and frame dwelling of eight rooms. Also on the farm was a two story frame tenant house of four rooms, a bank barn measuring 40'x 60', a wagon shed, corn house, a large granary and other necessary outbuildings. The farm was described in 1892 as "in a good state of cultivation" with 190 acres of cleared land and 5 or so of apple orchards.²

In 1888, John Curtis died leaving his estate to his wife, Sarah Jane.³ In 1891 Sarah Jane also died and the property then went to their children, George, Josephine, Mary, John, Lewis and Sally. However, due to an over-accumulation of debts, the farm was sold by trustees to George Myers for \$5513.64 in March of 1892.⁴

In April of 1920, George Myers passed the farm on to his family, William L., George L., Robert C., and Sallie A. Myers.⁵ The farm was later conveyed to the heirs of William Myers, Mary and Spencer Brown, etc.⁶ Since there were too many heirs, the farm, including an eight room frame house with a tin roof, a garage, a chicken house and six other outbuildings, was sold to P.H. Magee in January of 1966.⁷ However, Magee did not hold on to the farm. He sold the 198 acre farm almost immediately to the present owner, Helen P. Denit.⁸

see attachment sheet A

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John Curtis Farm

- ¹Mont. Co. Comm. Tax Asses. Bk., 1869-1876.
- ²Equity JA 8/26, Mont. Co. Judgement Records.
- ³Equity JA 8/974," "
- ⁴Ibid., and deed JA 33/39, Mont. Co. Land Records.
- ⁵Deed 292/115, Mont. Co. Land Records.
- ⁶Deed 4366/313," "
- ⁷Equity # 30,898, Mont. Co. Judgement Records.
- ⁸Deed 3587/28, Mont. Co, Land Records.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. M:23-39

Mont. Co. Land Records
Mont. Co. Judgement Records
Mont. Co. Comm. Tax Asses. Bk.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 171.67 acres

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Catherine Crawfordorganization Mont. Co. Hist. Preservation Comm. date 8/82

street & number _____ telephone _____

city or town Rockville state Maryland

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return to: Maryland Historical Trust
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Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

John Curtis Farm

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

22011 New Hampshire Ave.

CITY, TOWN

Sunshine

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Montgomery

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☒ DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☒ PUBLIC
☐ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH
PUBLIC ACQUISITION
☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED
☐ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
☐ YES: RESTRICTED
☒ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☒ AGRICULTURE
☐ COMMERICAL
☐ EDUCATIONAL
☐ ENTERTAINMENT
☐ GOVERNMENT
☐ INDUSTRIAL
☐ MILITARY
☐ MUSEUM
☒ PARK
☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Mrs. Helen P. Denit (tenant-Moore Family) Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Pretty Penny Farm (New Hampshire Ave.)

CITY, TOWN

Sunshine

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE.

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Montgomery County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION _____

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Michael F. Dwyer, Senior Park Historian

ORGANIZATION

M-NCPPC

DATE

July, 1974

STREET & NUMBER

8787 Georgia Ave.

TELEPHONE

589-1480

CITY OR TOWN

Silver Spring

STATE

Maryland

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